

5440-30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education

The holder is authorized to teach driver and traffic safety education in grades 9-12.

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

Knowledge Standards:

The educator demonstrates a thorough knowledge of:

1. In-vehicle instructional techniques and the Zone Control philosophy of driving
2. Driver and traffic safety education, including methods and materials for teaching driver and traffic safety education and administration of a driver and traffic safety education program
3. General traffic safety (e.g., other highway users), vehicular law, the relationship between substance abuse and operating a motor vehicle, emergency driving techniques, general first aid, and insurance and financial responsibility
4. An area of the behavioral sciences such as educational psychology, adolescent psychology, or human development

Performance Standards:

Specifically, the educator:

1. Provides students with positive attitudes toward safe driving with special emphasis on having students understand the serious responsibilities associated with safely operating a motor vehicle
2. Provides students with the necessary skills to perform responsibly as they interact with other highway users in routine and difficult system environments
3. Plans, organizes, implements, and evaluates a driver and traffic safety education program, including procuring vehicles, performing the necessary recordkeeping, and carrying out other administrative duties associated with driver education
4. Models for students at all times a high level of self-driving performance
5. Maintains effective public relations with the community, including remaining aware of community needs and making the community aware of the need for driver education

A driver and traffic safety education endorsement limited to in-vehicle instruction only shall be issued to individuals who meet Knowledge Standard 1 and Performance Standards 1, 2 and 4, as well as the Additional Requirements below.

Additional Requirements:

Possess a valid Vermont Motor Vehicles Operator's license, or a valid operator's license from an adjacent state provided the person is a legal resident of that state, with at least five years of driving experience

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Have and maintain a model driving safety record defined as:

- no more than one moving traffic conviction in the preceding one year period
- no more than three moving traffic convictions in the preceding three years
- no alcohol or drug related traffic convictions within the preceding ten years
- no driver's license suspension, cancellation, revocation, or denial within the preceding ten years

Provide a letter stating approval to proceed with licensure from the VT Department of Education Driver Education Consultant. This approval shall state whether the individual is being recommended for the full endorsement or the endorsement limited to in-vehicle instruction only.